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CALL FOR
FEDERAL
ACTIONMerchants Appeal
for Sanitary
Aid.DECLARE CITY
NEEDS CLEANSING

Strong Utterances as to Conditions Now Existing Here.

WITHOUT a dissenting voice the Merchants' Association yesterday decided that the time had come for the business men of the community to ask the national government to take up the task of cleansing the city of Honolulu, and as well to request other commercial bodies to join with it in the campaign for federal health action.

The subject came up at the special meeting of the association which was attended by a large number of the members of the organization. The meeting was presided over by President Dimond and as soon as the routine was over the most important of the matters which was to come up was presented. The question of federal health control was brought up by George W. Smith, who offered the resolution quoted and supported it in a strong speech.

Mr. Smith spoke warmly concerning health conditions here at the present time, and told of the pressing need for sanitation along lines which would leave no chance for the entrance into the city of epidemic diseases. He commented upon the rigorous rules affecting shipping, and continued as follows:

"The Territorial Board of Health possesses the ability and the desire to prevent infection and stamp out disease, but it is cramped for want of funds. There should be systematic fumigation of warehouses and wharves, sink holes and swamps should be filled up and insanitary locations should be rendered sanitary. There should be a thorough 'rat crusade' looking to the almost entire extermination of what we know to be the main carriers of infection."

"The treasury has no money for this purpose, the merchants cannot afford to contribute the necessary amount, they have already suffered enough."

"The reports of the successful work of the United States government in Havana in practically eradicating yellow fever, the good work they have done in the Gulf cities of the mainland, all lead us to hope that like good work can be done in Honolulu, rendering this city a clean, healthy place, free from any taint whatever. We can, of course, get along as we are now. We may not have another epidemic. You know what it would mean to have another outbreak here. We have not recovered financially from the last one. We have one curse permanently with us. Let us avoid another."

Mr. Smith also referred to the fact that in the event of the national government taking hold of matters here, there would be nothing to prevent the carrying out of any program decided upon as wise. There could be no objection raised which would be sufficient to stop work when the Washington government was in the saddle, and the utmost that the people could do would be to assist in the work. The opposite might be the course if the local board should undertake the task of cleansing the city.

There was some little discussion of the matter and then the vote was taken and the result was a unanimous expression of assent to the proposal. The chair then appointed as the committee to confer with other bodies upon the matter, and to forward the resolutions to Dr. Cofer, as the local quarantine officer; George W. Smith, W. W. Hall and James Gordon Spencer.

Chairman Smith then presented his report upon the conference held by the committee on transportation with the officials of the local steamship companies, the government and the Bishop estate. The report showed that there was perfect accord between the inter-island concerns as to the advisability of having better freight accommodations for the shippers. The companies said that they had requested more room from the government, but it could not be had owing to the congested condition of the wharves all the time. The government said that there was no chance to give more room at present and there would be no money for the fitting up of the wharves any more.

The shipping concerns said that the building of the new Bishop wharf at the wakiki end of the harbor would

LET UNCLE CLEAN THE TOWN



FOR FEDERAL SANITATION.

HONOLULU, H. I., Feb. 21st. 1902.

WHEREAS: The Board of Health is unable to carry out a systematic plan for the sanitary improvement of Honolulu, owing entirely to the financial condition of the Treasury of the Territory, and,

WHEREAS: The insanitary condition of many parts of Honolulu and of some of the shipping ports of the Territory constitute a menace to the public health and render possible the introduction or spread of epidemic diseases which would seriously affect and injure the business interests of Honolulu and the Territory;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Merchants Association of Honolulu: That the United States Government be requested to take charge of and regulate the sanitary conditions of the City of Honolulu and the shipping ports of the Territory.

RESOLVED: That action by the Federal Authorities will be to the interest of the General Government as well as of the Territory, inasmuch as the greater portion of the shipping from infected ports touches at Honolulu before proceeding to the ports of the Pacific Coast.

RESOLVED: That copies of these resolutions, together with the preambles, be delivered to the United States Marine Hospital Officer at this port, with the request that he forward same to the proper authorities.

THE CALL FOR
AN ELECTION

Governor Dole yesterday issued his proclamation for the election of a successor to the late Archie Gilliland, Representative from the Fourth District.

The special election will be held April 8th. The following is the list of polling places and election officials:

First Precinct—Booth, street, foot of Punahou; Inspectors, John Effinger, Joseph Aea, H. McCullom.

Second Precinct—Booth, corner of Kilauea and Pihl; Inspectors, C. M. White, S. P. Kaul, W. C. Wilder.

Third Precinct—Building at entrance of lower reservoir grounds, Nuanu avenue; Inspectors, Albert Waterhouse, J. P. Kahawai.

Fourth Precinct—Emma Square; Inspectors, W. C. King, T. C. Pihlaka, J. R. Hall.

Fifth Precinct—Kahala building; Inspectors, John Short, E. K. Likialani, John K. Wilder.

Sixth Precinct—Honolulu Hotel; Inspectors, O. Swain, J. Mahuku.

Seventh Precinct—Waimanalo schoolhouse; Inspectors, G. C. Chalmers, John Kokuku, A. Irvine.

RECEPTION TO PHAETON'S MEN
AT Y. M. C. A. ROOMS LAST NIGHT

MEN from the fore-castle and quarter-deck enjoyed Honolulu hospitality and helped to entertain their hosts last evening, when the Phaeton's crew were guests at the Young Men's Christian Association hall. The occasion was one full of music, oratory and ice cream, and every one, even the tars themselves, agreed that it was an evening filled with good things.

The hall of the association was crowded with those who attended to hear the music and enjoy the evening. There were many who came late, after the fringe of spectators had been added to the filled chairs of the auditorium, and they had to spend the time they did stay on the stairways,

and the overflow of music and enthusiasm was sufficient to keep them in a good humor all the way.

There were three parts to the evening's enjoyment, "three rounds," one of the jockies termed it, and each was full of its own peculiar kind of pleasure. The reception of the guests from the cruiser was quite outside these, and occupied the time until 8 o'clock, the men being seated in the center of the hall, while the attending townspeople had the wings of the house. There were nearly a hundred of the sailors who marched in together, and of those who came later there were a quarter as many more. The hall had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the committee members at-

lowed their enthusiasm to carry them into the adornment of the entire building. The greens, palm fronds and flowers extended from the upstairs room down even to the outer door, and the entire building had a festive appearance.

In the hall proper there were greens on all sides, and the rear wall was covered with flags of the United States and Hawaii, while the Union Jack was given a place of honor between the two. The white of the sailors was in contrast to the more somber colors of the men, and the shades which made the assembly seem one dressed for a garden party, were bright and attractive.

Such an audience as that is seldom given to perform. The men were there to be entertained in the best sense of the word, and they applauded every number, and there had to be encores in almost every instance before the singers could escape the attention of the listeners. The first part was given over entirely to songs by the hosts of the evening, and the appreciation which was accorded each number was enthusiastic. There were glees, solos by Mrs. Dr. C. B. Cooper, Mr. T. Clive Davies, Mr. George Davies, Mr. Clifford Kimball, a trio by Miss Rogers, Miss Von Holt and Miss Bacon; Hawaiian songs on the mandolin by Mr. B. L. Marx, and a recitation by Miss Bender.

The men from the ship took the stage when the second part was called, and right well did they entertain their auditors. They sang, danced and made music, the comic predominating, and they were made to respond so often that it was in fact a rendition of the program twice over before the shore folk would be content. There was nothing which was not good, and there could be made no discriminating references, though the dancing dolls were productive of much amusement, and the piccolo solo was given most appreciative applause. There was a con song by H. Scott, comic songs by S. Hill, H. W. Lanthols and J. C. Martin, a song by T. Rhodia, an Irish selection by J. Clancy, W. McCarthy's dancing dolls and H. Sweeney's piccolo solo.

Between the parts Mr. T. Clive Davies made an address of welcome, referring to the pleasure felt by those who knew the men of the ship to have them in port, and giving them a cordial invitation to make the most of the hospitality of the citizens. Captain Fleet, of the Phaeton, responded in kind, and for himself and men thanked the hosts for their entertainment and reception. At the conclusion, while all stood, the Englishmen singing "God Save the King," and many of the Americans present who could not join with the words sending up their chorus to the words of "America." Captain Fleet called for three cheers for the Honolulu folk, and the cheering was heard a block away, for the sailors were in earnest then.

After that came part three, and the many present did full justice to the refreshments provided, the food and sales being a pleasing variation to the men, and one which they seemed to enjoy to the full. It was late when the evening's entertainment was concluded, and the cheering sailors went back to their ship.

The hall was decorated by Mrs. T. Clive Davies, Mrs. George Davies, Miss Hoare, Miss Juliet King, Miss Ryecroft, Mrs. Walbridge, Mrs. McBryde, Miss Lucy Ward, in charge of the refreshments were Mrs. Dr. Cooper, Mrs. Macintosh, Mrs. R. A. Jordan, Mrs. Margery Freeth, Miss Marie von Holt, Miss Bacon, Miss Lucas, Miss McGowan, Miss Mary Catton, Miss Margaret Walker, Miss Cordelia Walker, Miss Cummings.

PALAMA'S
BLOODY
SHOOTINGTerrible Domestic
Tragedy in Aala
Lane.WILLIAM MEYER
KILLS HIMSELF

After a Determined Attempt to Shoot His Wife Takes His Own Life.

MY husband has shot at me twice and tried to kill me, and I want to have him arrested."

Such were the words uttered by a native woman who drove up to the police station in a hack about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The woman did not seem to be at all agitated, in fact, so calmly did she tell her story that those whom she addressed at the police station were inclined to think that she was suffering from a delusion. Nevertheless Officer Robert Parker Jr. was dispatched to the woman's home in Aala lane to investigate. Meanwhile the woman sat in the Deputy Sheriff's office and waited, immobile and fearless.

About forty minutes later the officer returned and calling Clerk Mossman aside spoke a few words to him, after which Mossman told the woman that her husband had shot himself and was dead. Then her pent-up feelings got the best of her, and she wept bitterly.

The story of the tragedy is the old familiar one of domestic infelicity, drink and one rash act to end it all, and it was only the superb nerve of the little woman that saved her from lying stiff and cold beside her husband today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Meyer resided in Aala lane. Palama. She is a slim Hawaiian girl and her husband, William Meyer, was a hale and a well-borer by trade. Their married life has been an unhappy one, for the husband drank immoderately and when under the influence of liquor beat his wife, who has frequently complained about her ill-treatment at the police station. Some time ago he was fined \$25 for assault and battery on his wife.

On Thursday night Meyer and his wife had trouble and he said that he was going to shoot her. Yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock he met his wife walking in Aala lane with another woman. He walked up to her and drawing a revolver from his hip pocket, said, "I am going to do what I told you last night."

Then he raised his gun to take aim, but Mrs. Meyer, quick as a flash, seized his arm and the bullet went wide of its mark. As he fired the woman dropped to the ground and clung to her husband's knees. After the first shot the woman arose and Meyer again took aim and again the woman, almost miraculously, diverted the course of the laden messenger by forcing the weapon upward with her arm in the nick of time. It was a close call, however, and the powder burned a great hole in the sleeve of her holoku. The second shot dazed Mrs. Meyer and she again fell to the ground, whereupon her husband, thinking that he had effected his purpose, raised the gun to his head and fired. His hand shook, however, and the ball pierced his neck.

When Mrs. Meyer opened her eyes she looked up and seeing her husband standing over her with blood running down his shirt front, said, "Pau, pau." To which Meyer made answer, "All right, if you'll come home with me."

Mrs. Meyer consented to this and they started toward their house together, but as soon as the woman saw a chance she ran away and jumping in a hack, drove to the police station.

Meyer then proceeded to his home, and on arrival blew out his brains.

A coroner's jury was immediately empaneled and after viewing the remains an inquest was held at which the witnesses were Mrs. William Meyer, William A. Hall and A. Record.

Mrs. Meyer testified that she had had frequent trouble with her husband, and that she had had him arrested for assault some time last year. She stated that she had not lived with her husband for a month and had been trying

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